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### **Former Department of Labor Employee Sentenced For Supplementation of Government Salary -Technical Representative Accepted Money From Contractor -**

WASHINGTON - A former Department of Labor employee, Shonda Brevard, has been sentenced to 36 months probation for supplementation of government salary, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. and Daniel R. Petrole, Acting Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General, announced today.

Brevard, 40, of Arlington, Virginia, pled guilty to the charge on June 9, 2010. She was sentenced December 2, 2010 in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia by the Honorable Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly. In addition to probation, the judge ordered Brevard to complete 200 hours of community service.

According to the government's sentencing memorandum, in June 2009, the Department of Labor Office of Inspector General began a fraud investigation involving a Job Corps program government contractor. Job Corps trains at-risk youth through 122 centers across the country.

Because the Labor Department relies on private government contractors to operate and support the operation of these Job Corps centers, it awarded contracts to this government contractor's company in 2007 and 2008 for a variety of technical and administrative duties. The contractor submitted invoices to the Labor Department. Brevard, as the contracting officer's Technical Representative at the Labor Department, reviewed and approved these invoices.

After a search warrant was executed at the contractor's home, the contractor told law enforcement that Brevard assisted in getting him the contracts and that he had been giving the defendant money. He said he paid Brevard because if he did not do so, she would not process his invoices. When confronted by law enforcement officers, Brevard also admitted that the contractor paid her, and that she approved contracts, some of which she knew to be false.

According to the Statement of Offense, filed at the time of Brevard's guilty plea, the Department of Labor paid invoices to the contractor's company from October 2007 to September 2009. During this same time, the contractor paid Brevard money, at times giving her \$4,800 every two weeks. He also helped her pay for a vehicle.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen and Acting Inspector General Petrole commended the Special Agents of the Department of Labor, Office of Inspector General. They also acknowledged the efforts of U.S. Attorney's Office Paralegal Specialists Diane Hayes, Maggie McCabe, Sarah Reis, as well as Assistant U.S. Attorney Virginia Cheatham, who is prosecuting the case.

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